1987 and how much has been recovered from the producers upto the 15th July, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PERTRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Defective rubber washers in LPG Cylinder

671. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about the risks caused to the consumers due to defective rubber washers in LPG cylinders ; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps have been taken to minimise such risks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir. Only a few complaints pertaining to defective rubber washers in LPG cylinders have been received.

(b) All the LPG-filled cyclinders are checked thoroughly for leakages at the bottling plants before despatch to the distributors. LPG distributors are under strict instructions to check every cylinder for leakages before making delivery to the customers. Delivery boys are also required to check the cylinders for leakages at the time of installing them and to replace the rubber washers immediately free of cost, if necessary.

Indigenous production of Penicillin

672. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared some projects for manufacturing Penicillin G;

(b) if so, what is the investment involved in these projects ;

(c) what is the extent to which India will be self-sufficient in Penicillin production ;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up a unit in Karnataka also ; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total project cost proposed by various companies is Rs. 366 crores approximately.

(c) If all the sanctioned projects are implemented then India will become self-sufficient in Penicillin production.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.